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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims After Amendment		Highest Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity Rate Fee	Large Entity Rate Fee
Total Claims	23	MINUS	23	00	x 25 =	x 50 =
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Applicant(s) hereby petition for a _____ month extension(s) of time to respond to the

aforementioned Office Action.

Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 500388.

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Dear Sir:

This is submitted in response to the non-final Office Action mailed on October 3, 2005. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks and arguments are in Remarks, beginning on page 5 of this paper.